GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LPG AGENCY AND PETROL DIESEL OUTLETS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): the total number of retail outlets of diesel and petrol, LPG agencies andkerosene licence holders in the country as on June 30, 2002;

(b): whether the Government are contemplating to allot more agencies of diesel, petrol and kerosene in order to prevent adulteration;

(c): if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(d): if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): As per the available information, the total number of retail outlet dealerships, LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships in the country, as on 1.4.2002, were as under:-

	Nos.
Retail Outlet dealerships	- 18,848
LPG distributorships	- 7,486
SKO-LDO dealerships	- 6,451

(b)to(d): While the question of setting up of Retail Outlet dealershipsand SKO-LDO dealerships at new locations depends on factors like demand, viability, etc., of a given location, a separate mechanism is in place to prevent adulteration of petroleum products.